

Last Friday an email was sent out to Chiefs regarding Greenfield's choice to take their current stand alone system and replace it with a WISCOM installation. The message concluded with an invitation for those wanted to go digital to join at the end of the summer. I don't believe that is in municipalities best interest based on coverage and capacity of the WISCOM system versus the current and County or the future Multi-County system.

Note: Current Milwaukee County wide standard coverage is 99% on Street for hand held portables and 95% for hand held portables in 15db buildings (medium commercial structure).

No other radio system provides this level of coverage within Milwaukee County.

No other radio system has the capacity, available system wide for all municipalities within Milwaukee County.

Milwaukee and Waukesha County's are currently in the end stages of completing an RFP for a merged 800Mhz P25 trunked simulcast radio system; we expect to have a vendor selected by the end of this Summer 2013; followed by contract signing.

Proposals are due July 9th.

First evaluation will begin July 11th.

Vendor presentations and Demo's will be conducted the week of August 12th.

We will reconvene to complete vendor selection the week of August 26th.

The selected Vendor should be announced on or before September 13th

This RFP is based on a study which the county's completed last year incorporating user input regarding the current system and future design. An additional requirement for a bi-county radio system is expanded coverage and capacity for both Milwaukee and Waukesha County's system. The future system will not require multiple ids to operate on it and talk groups can operate transparently across County borders.

For Milwaukee County, the RFP specifies the vendor must provide a means for Milwaukee County members to operate, transparently, subscribers in digital and Analog to permit a controlled phased conversion.

Within the contract, pricing for subscriber units and consoles will be shared with those municipalities who are based in the County's and are members of the respective County systems.

I respectfully suggest you delay any purchases of new equipment, if possible (subscribers or consoles) until the vendor has been selected, and contracts have been signed so your agency can gain the greatest benefit of volume purchase price which will accompany the contract that we have negotiated....

Note: The new system will be available no sooner than the end of 2014; this date is subject to change based on planning with the selected vendor.

Feature	Two-County System	WISCOM
Multi-county in-building coverage	Yes	No
Simulcast technology	Yes	No
Native interoperability with other Milwaukee County agencies	Yes	No
Native interoperability with Waukesha County agencies	Yes	No
800 MHz. towers currently planned	18	2
Statewide roaming (800 MHz.)	No	No
Interoperability with VHF WISCOM	Yes	Yes

I respectfully request you share the contents of this email with your membership.

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